

REASONS

Proposed by the Trade of Looking-Glass-Makers, Grinders, Polishers, Spectacle-Makers, and other Workmen appertaining to the said Manufacture, for Prohibiting the Importation of such Foreign Wares.



LL sorts of Looking-Glasses, Coach-Glasses, Spectacles, Concave and Convexe Glasses, are now made in the Nation, as good, and generally better, than in *Venice*, and *France*, as on Examination will appear.

The said Manufacture in this Nation Incouraged by a Prohibition, would maintain many hundreds of Families more, besides the present Grinders, Polishers, Shop-keepers and Trades-men already set up; and may probably furnish with that Commodity these parts of the World, which formerly have been supplied from *Venice*, as the *East Countries*, *Holland*, *Spain*, and the *Indies*.

A Prohibition of such Foreign Manufactures, as it will save the Nation many Thousands of Pounds yearly, which go out to purchase the said Commodity abroad, so it may also profit the Nation considerably, by Exporting a Manufacture of its own into other parts.

The State of *Venice* for Incouragement of their Trades-Men and Manufactures, hath with extraordinary Penalties forbid the Importation of our Cloth and Leather, as by the Decrees of their Senate here extant appears: And not content with a Sole Prohibition, hath by the same Laws provided that Foreign Cloth, and Dressed Leather, found or seized in any hand soever, shall be burnt, causing the Transgressor to pay the Value of the Goods so found, or a considerable proportion thereof, to the Seizor, or Accuser.

The French King likewise, to Incourage the Trade of Looking-Glass-Makers in his Dominions, hath granted several Priviledges in favour of the Undertakers, and for restraining the Importation of the said Ware from other parts.

There are also amongst the Statutes of this Nation three several Acts of Parliament, forbidding the Importation of divers sorts of Manufactures, in favour of our own; which may sufficiently answer the less important Objections which may possibly be raised against this Prohibition.